

The beach is north of Sunset Beach approximately 7kms north of Geraldton via the North West Coastal Highway (1) or 6kms via Chapman Rd. from the town centre. From the Highway turn left at the Chapman Valley Rd. roundabout, right at the next roundabout into Chapman Rd., left at Whitworth St. and into Volute St. Carpark, toilet and showers are off Triton Pl. The free beach is a 500m walk north. A 4x4 track to the beach leads off the end of Volute St. Nearby accommodation is at Sunset Beach Holiday Park off Bosley St (extension of Chapman Valley Rd.), 700m south of the free beach. Call 1800 353 389, (08) 9938 1655 or Fax (08) 9938 1850. Good for caravans, chalets, cabins tents.

SWANBOURNE FREE BEACH LEGAL?

During last winter I wrote to the Attorney General The Hon. J A McGinty requesting a change to some 100-year-old laws namely the Police Act Sections 66(11) and 104 and the Criminal Code Section 203. In essence the changes were:

Example: Police Act Section 66(11) as suggested by the Law Reform Commission of WA.

**“Any person who wilfully and obscenely exposes his or her genitals to any other person in or within view of a public place, commits an offence.
*Any person who exposes his or her genitals at a designated venue or area, does not commit an Offence.”***

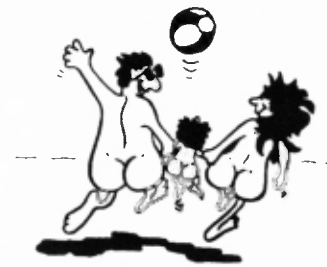
My changes are in *italics*. Then free beaches, nudist clubs or resorts could become designated venues or areas and exempt from the law. McGinty replied saying the Police Act is undergoing changes and he sent my letter on to the Minister of Police, Hon. Michelle Roberts who referred it on to the Police Service. McGinty also thought that Section 203 was unlikely to result in an offence. I also asked him about gazetting our beach as a legal free beach and then giving it (as a legal entity) to Nedlands Council to control. He suggested I ask Nedlands about this, but it sounds like he believes our beach is under council bylaws whereas it is vacant crown land (north of the yellow signs for about 500m) and under State control. I shall follow up these issues.

SWANBOURNE BEACH OLYMPICS 2003

As you can see overleaf, the games are on again. There is a slightly different committee and for this year at least the format is the same. Swanbourne peaked caps will be on sale in a variety of colours so come along and join in for maximum fun. The only reason for postponement will be bad weather but we won't know that till on the day. Helpers on the day would be appreciated so feel free to offer!



♥ Bruce



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TOILETS/WATER ON THE BEACH – 2 YEARS ON

In the 2001 newsletter I mentioned that the City of Nedlands mayor suggested the supply of toilets and water on our beach. Consequently we had a petition on the beach (April 2001) with 526 signatures going to the Council and the Hon. Colin Barnett (being the minister for the area) to present to parliament. He subsequently lost the petition.

In 2002 newsletter I explained how Barnett said he would present an alternative by February (2002) and that he was in favour of the idea. More phone calls. Then hey presto, in May they found the petition, presented it to parliament and discussed the issue on ABC radio in June, again with a very positive attitude. In early July Colin Barnett informed the Nedlands Council and also discussed the benefits of dry toilets. In mid July the Council replied stating that they only intended to deal with the changes to the main beachfront and its associated toilets. Any toilets on our beach were now in the hands of the State Government, since it was their land anyway.

The Council obviously has decided not to proceed with the toilets/water on our beach, despite it being their suggestion in the first place. Why am I not surprised? The apparent Council attitude of 'don't give the nudists anything, they're not our responsibility' continues. The fact that we are viable members of the public who have been the (vast) majority users of their beach facilities over the last 30+ years seems less important than the opinions of a handful of local residents who don't use the facilities.

Colin Barnett is on leave at present so I don't know if he would proceed with the toilets/water without Council assistance.

GERALDTON FREE BEACH

A local identity, Glen Boys, has been trying to get the local Councils' approval for a free beach in the Geraldton area. He got the support of the police but both the City of Geraldton Council and the Shire of Greenough Council said no. However the beach is still used by nudists so if you're traveling north, visit the beach. Maybe even write to the Councils to show support. The prospect of tourist dollars could sway the councils.

Swanbourne lympics



You are most welcome to join with us in the TWENTY FIRST OLYMPIC GAMES to be held at North Swanbourne Free Beach. Remember, still photographs of the events are OK but due to popular demand, **NO PERSONAL VIDEOS OR MOVIES** and for photos of people other than in events, **ASK FIRST!** It's only polite.
Note: If you choose to join us in our day of fun and frivolity, you must accept any and all risks and consequences associated with that choice. The organizers don't accept any of your risks or consequences.

DAY: SUNDAY 16 February 2003

COMMENCES: 10am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EGGS IN SPACE (Adults)(Kids)
(Poachers eggspelled)

GIRLS & BOYS AROUND THE BUOY (F)(M)
(Swim through Swany)

TUTTI FRUTTI (Kids)(Adults)
(Melon heads come on down)

SAND SCULPTURE (Kids – Transport theme)
(Bell towers at Swanbourne?)

FILL 'ER UP MATE (All)
(No containers – 6 per team)

BEST BUM (M)(F)
(All entrants must have one)

FLOUR SACK STRUGGLE (Kids)
(How are you in the sack?)

PASS THE BUCKET (All)
(There's a hole in the - - - -)

THREE LEGGED RACE (Adults)(Kids)
(Three-legged folks accepted)

TUG 'O WAR (All)
(The big pull over)

DURING THE LUNCHBREAK
BODY PAINTING (Adults)(Kids)
(Paints and brushes supplied)



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